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ABEL, ROSE E., ordered from the Brigade Hospital, Calamba, P. I., to duty at the Brigade Hospital, Iloilo, Island of Panay.

Bauer, Mrs. Christiana M., formerly on duty at the First Reserve Hospital, Manila, P. I., discharged in Manila.

Bemiss, Nanette N., formerly on duty at the General Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, Cal., discharged.

Brinton, Elizabeth M., ordered from the Brigade Hospital, Iloilo, to the First Reserve, Manila, to await transportation to the United States.

Brock, Sarah A., arrived in San Francisco November 10; accompanied General and Mrs. Chaffee to New York; now on leave.

Dangel, Josephine N., formerly on duty at the General Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, Cal., discharged.

Kennedy, Emma L., ordered from the Brigade Hospital, Calamba, to the Brigade Hospital, Iloilo, Island of Panay, P. I.

Kepkey, Georgia M., assignment as chief nurse at the Brigade Hospital, Calamba, revoked, and ordered to duty as nurse at the First Reserve Hospital, Manila, P. I.

Konkle, Lena Luda, reappointed December 3 for duty at the General Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, Cal.

Marker, Ida Maude, late superintendent of the Colorado Training-School, Arapahoe County Hospital, Denver, appointed December 3 for duty at the General Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, Cal.

McKelvey, Mary J., ordered from the Brigade Hospital, Calamba, to duty at the Convalescent Hospital, Corregidor Island, P. I.

Morgan, Irene A., recently on temporary duty at the General Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, discharged.

Pennell, Mrs. Mary H., formerly on duty at the General Hospital, Fort Bayard, N. M., discharged.

Pringle, Martha E., arrived at San Francisco from the Philippines November 29 on the transport Crook. Under orders for discharge.

Rector, Josephine, ordered from the Brigade Hospital, Calamba, to duty at the First Reserve Hospital, Manila, P. I.

Sears, Annie Maud, formerly on duty at the General Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, under orders for discharge.

Stockall, Gertrude Mary, appointed December 5 for duty at the General Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, Cal.

Supple, Margaret A., graduate of Kings County Hospital, Flatbush, Brooklyn, N. Y., appointed December 8 for duty at the General Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, Cal.

Thompson, Dora E., transferred from the General Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, to duty in the Philippines; sailed on the Logan November 1, 1902.

Thompson, Ida L., transferred from the General Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, to duty in the Philippines; sailed on the Logan November 1, 1902.

Trenholm, Eva, temporarily assigned to duty as acting chief nurse at the First Reserve Hospital, Manila, P. I.

Weir, Mary J., arrived in San Francisco November 10; under orders for discharge.

Woods, Julia E., arrived in New York on the McClellan November 29. On leave of absence for thirty days.

REPORTABLE DISEASES.—At the New York State Conference of Charities and Correction Dr. Herman M. Biggs, medical officer of the Board of Health, New York City, delivered an address on "Reportable Diseases." The following synopsis is quoted from *Charities:*

"'Radical changes should be made in the attitude of the sanitary authorities in regard to notifiable diseases. All diseases which are infectious, and therefore, to a greater or less extent, preventable, should be included in the class of notifiable diseases. Under the term "infectious" I would include nearly all of the diseases produced by the simpler forms of animal and vegetable life.'

"A tentative classification, constructed to meet the present knowledge in regard to these diseases and to make a practical grouping for sanitary purposes, was suggested as follows:

"LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN WHICH NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE REQUIRED.

"(1) Contagious (very readily communicable): Measles, rubella (rotheln), scarlet fever, smallpox, varicella, typhus fever.

"(2) Communicable: *Influenza, whooping-cough, diphtheria, plague, epidemic cerebro-spinal meningitis, tuberculosis (of all organs), *leprosy, *syphilis, *gonorrhœa, *acute lobar pneumonia, *broncho-pneumonia, typhoid fever, Asiatic cholera, *infectious diseases of the gastro-intestinal canal (dysentery, cholera morbus, cholera infantum, summer diarrhœas of infants), infectious diseases of the eye (trachoma, suppurative conjunctivitis), wound infections, puerperal septicæmia, *erysipelas, tetanus, anthrax, glanders.

"(3) Indirectly communicable (through intermediary host): Yellow fever, *malarial fever.

"(4) Parasitic diseases of the skin: Scabies, tinea tonsurans, impetigo (contagious).

"The asterisk against a diseases indicates that the report is required for general or special investigations of the modes and sources of infection, and to obtain information as to the prevalence and distribution, and to gather statistical data. It was not proposed that the authorities exercise a sanitary surveillance in these cases, but that information be obtained with a view to the ultimate improvement of the conditions which now foster them. Dr. Biggs explained that notification is required in certain of the other communicable diseases because of the liability to their extension among children in schools and other public institutions."